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NIVEN: "Do you gentlemen see any link between the rebellion in the Dominican Republic and the war in South Viet Nam?"

CARLSON: "Well, frankly, I don't think there's a link between the two, but I think back to the operations from the Communist standpoint and they're somewhat similar. After all, the North Viet Nameese government Ho Chi Minh, and probably his directions from Red China, must be Communist, and of course there's no doubt in my mind but what there's some Communist infiltration in the situation in the situation we're faces with in Santa Domingo."

NIVEN: "You take the President's word for that?"

CARLSON: "I'll take his word for it, and I fully take his word for it because he has the CIA reports, which he can give you the names and the numbers and he has given them to us."

NIVEN: "Have you seen the evidence?"

CARLSON: "Yes, sir."

NIVEN: "Senator Pell."

PELL: "I think there's a certain difference here between the two; I think that in the Dominican Republic there certainly have been Communist agents, but I believe that the basic revolution there was still not in Communist hands, and our effort was to prevent it getting into Communist hands. In North Viet Nam, on the other hand, it's completely in Communist hands. If we had not stepped into the Dominican Republic, I think eventually we would have had, very likely, another Cuba, and maybe that would have led in the future, but I think we've got to bear in mind that the situation is different too because of geography. I repeat that the Dominican Republic is literally a couple hundred miles from our own shores and I think we have a tremendous vested interest there. I am not sure that we have the same interest in North Viet Nam."